GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF PALM OIL PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government for the promotion of palm oil production in Orissa in view its vast potential in the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating central assistance proposed to be provided for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a)&(b): Government of India is implementing Oil Palm Development Programme under `Integrated Schemes of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm & Maize (ISOPOM) in 10 States including the State of Orissa. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided towards the cost of planting material, cultivation inputs, installation of drip irrigation system, diesel pump sets, training, development of waste land, extension and publicity, establishment and staff, frontline demonstrations, leaf nutrients analysis laboratories and testing of genotypes under various environmental conditions etc. The scheme is implemented on 75:25 fund sharing basis between Government of India and State Governments. During the current year, the Central Government is yet to receive the Annual Action Plan under ISOPOM from the State Government of Orissa. After the receipt of Annual Action Plan of the State of Orissa for 2007-08, further action will be taken.